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**APPLICANTS:** Lazarus et al.

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**TITLE:** PACKAGED STRAIN ACTUATOR

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2002, and in further response to the Office Actions mailed on September 6, 2000 and April 20, 2001, in the patent application identified above. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office Actions. A petition and requisite fee for a two-month extension of time are enclosed herewith.

**AMENDMENT**

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 22-34 without prejudice, and add new claims 35-55 as follows:

35. (New) An actuator device comprising:
- at least a first and a second electro-active element; and
- at least a first and a second conductor,